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COUNTY

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2017 SPLOST Information

SPLOST 2017

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Transportation – Stormwater – 911 Communications – Fire & EMS – Woolsey

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Fayette County's Board of Commissioners has approved a referendum for a one-cent special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) that will fund transportation, stormwater infrastructure, public safety, and facilities. If approved by the voters in March 2017, the tax will be collected from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2023.

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Investing in our Quality of Life

- Stormwater Infrastructure
- Transportation
- 911 Radio System
- Fire & EMS
 - Station #4
 - Fire Pumper
 - Training
- Woolsey Community Center

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SPLOST Distribution

Fayette County	\$64,646,530
Peachtree City	\$45,472,835
Fayetteville	\$21,098,538
Tyrone	\$ 9,102,463
Brooks	\$ 693,791
Total	\$141,014,157

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2017 Fayette County SPLOST

INTRODUCTION

Fayette County voters will decide whether or not to approve a 1% (or 1¢) SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) during the March 2017, Special Election.

The ballot will ask voters the following question (final language will be determined by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners):

- () YES Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Fayette county for a period of time not to exceed six years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$141,014,157 for the purpose of county and municipal capital projects?
- () NO

The language that will appear on the ballot is specified by the State, but terms like “roads,” “public safety,” and “stormwater/infrastructure” represent a tremendous investment in many projects that impact those who live in Fayette County. This project manual will detail the specific projects proposed by the Board of Commissioners so that our voters will now what their investment will yield.

SPLOST Defined

The acronym SPLOST stands for “Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax” and is a specific tax rate for a specific period of time. Counties and cities can use SPLOST funds for specific capital projects.

If the 2017 SPLOST is approved by voters, the sales tax in Fayette County will increase 1¢, from 6¢ on every dollar spent to 7¢. Currently Fayette County is one of only seven counties in Georgia (out of 159) to have a sales tax less than 7¢.

In Georgia, the State receives 4¢ of the sales taxes collected in every county. A 1¢ Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) is shared among a county and any of its municipalities based on an agreed-upon formula. LOST funds can be used by local governments as part of their General Fund operating expenses. Fayette County also has a 1¢, voter-approved E-SPLOST, which is invested solely for use by the Board of Education. This comprises our current 6¢ Local Option Sales Tax.

Of the counties immediately surrounding Fayette County, Clayton collects an 8¢ sales tax while Coweta, Spalding, Fulton, DeKalb, Henry, and Pike Counties all collect 7¢. This is important because the extra penny of sales taxes fund only projects in the counties in which they are collected, no matter where the buyer paying the tax lives. With Fayette County having a lower sales tax than the surrounding areas, we lose tax revenue every time a Fayette County resident shops or eats out in another County, because we cannot recoup that tax when residents of other counties dine or shop here.

If approved by the voters, the 2017 SPLOST will be invested in capital projects throughout the County in the areas of transportation, public safety, infrastructure, and facilities. The projects will be defined in an intergovernmental agreement that included the specific list of projects for each city and the County.

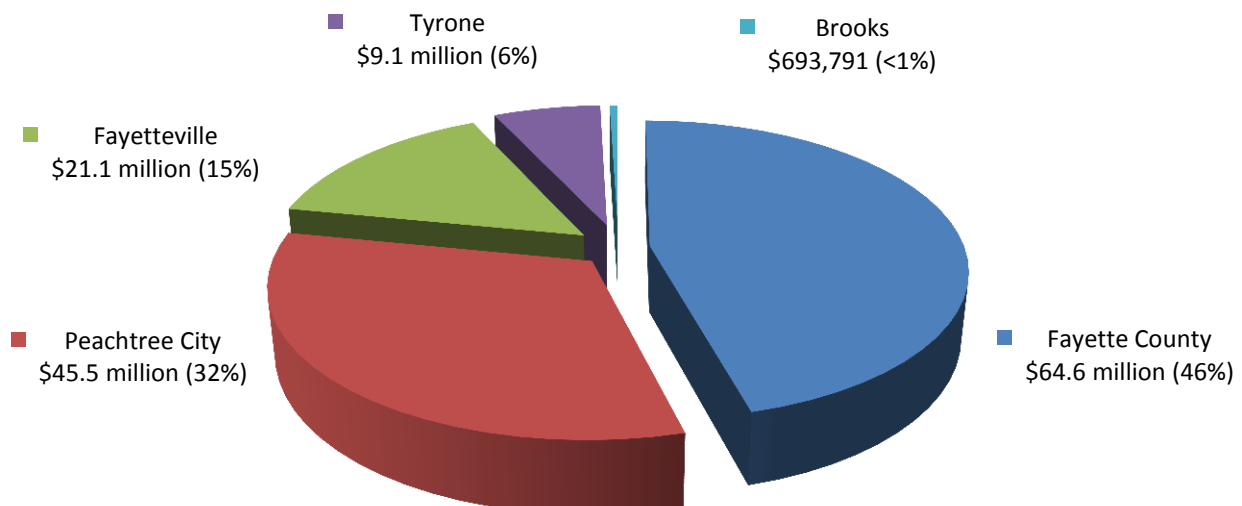
SPLOST Distribution

Fayette County and the municipalities of Brooks, Fayetteville, Peachtree City, and Tyrone will share the SPLOST proceeds based on population. Each jurisdiction has identified its own list of projects to be built with the funds raised. An intergovernmental agreement allocated the estimated revenues from a 6-year SPLOST as follows:

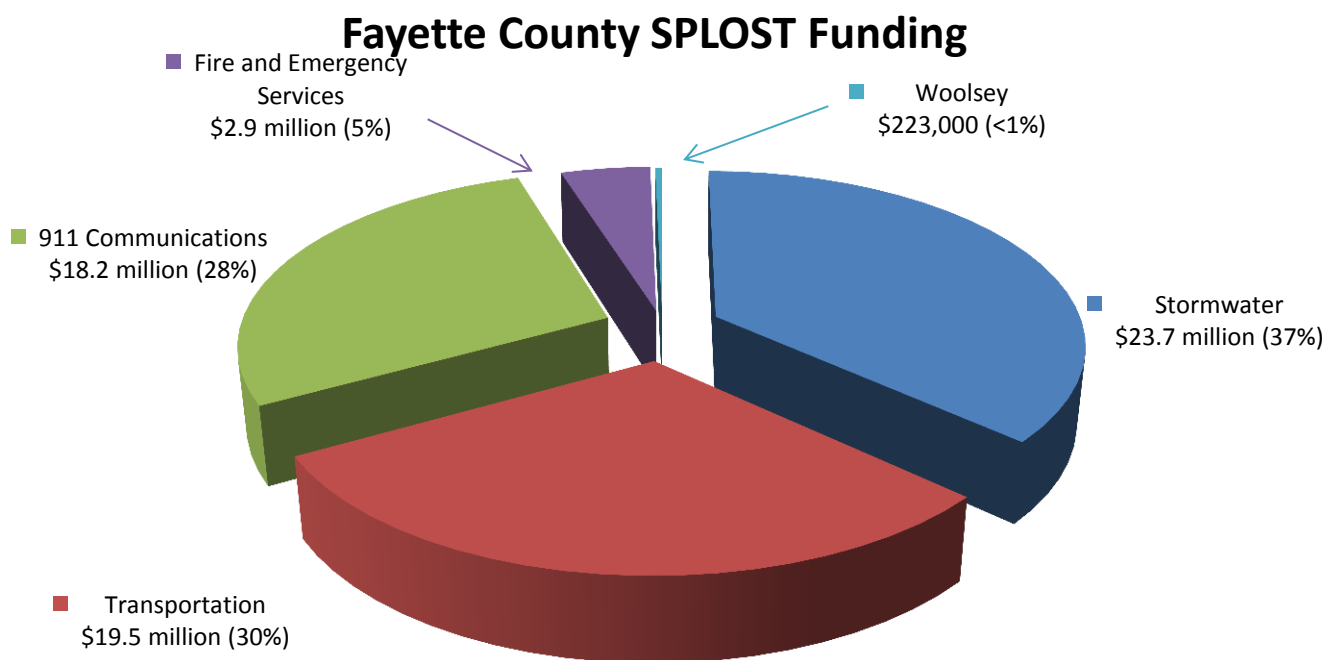
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SPLOST Allocation



Fayette County has compiled a list of projects that represent a significant investment in the facilities and infrastructure that contribute to our quality of life. Many of the projects have been requested by the community (intersection improvements for traffic flow and roadway conditions), while others, such as relocation of fire station #4, enhancement of the 911 radio system, stormwater infrastructure, and community center for Woolsey, have been planned and needed for years without any identified funding source. The Stormwater Utility was created to help fund stormwater infrastructure repairs and replacements; however revenue collected from the Utility isn't enough to match the replacement needs of Fayette County. If approved by the voters, the Stormwater Utility would be discontinued. The recent recession also caused several years of delays for transportation enhancements and maintenance and the recently implemented Transportation Committee will be evaluating transportation projects in order to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County as to the formulation of current and long-range plans for transportation issues within Fayette County. The SPLOST projects and designated funding fall into the following categories:



Without a SPLOST, funding these capital projects would require a significant property tax increase, significant increase to Stormwater Utility annual charges, significant cuts in other programs, or multiple simultaneous modifications. The SPLOST allows Fayette County voters to

choose whether to make this level of investment in our community, and comes from every shopping and dining in Fayette County, instead of being imposed only on those who own property and pay property taxes here. While property taxes are certainly an option for funding many of these projects, a significant property tax increase would result in Fayette County residents being the sole contributors to the capital projects, when the capital projects in Fayette County are being used daily by residents of other counties.